(b) whether it is also a fact that despite such review by his Ministry, the UGC has been approving the applications for deemed university status; and

(c) if so, the rationale for such parallel evaluation of deemed universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir. The review of institutions 'deemed to be universities' by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as well as an independent review by a Committee of experts have been ordered by the Government with distinct mandates. While the review by UGC is to ascertain the status of infrastructure and faculty resources, the review by the Committee of experts is to assess the justification for the continuation of institution as deemed to be universities. There is no overlap between the two exercises of review.

(b) No, Sir. Applications for declaration as institutions 'deemed to be universities' have been put on hold till the processes of review.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign faculties for IITs

996. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to encourage IITs to hire foreign faculties;

(b) if so, whether similar allowance would be made to other professional institutions of higher learning in the field of management, science and medicine;

(c) whether Government has framed guidelines in this regard;

(d) if so, the financial implications for the respective institution; and

(e) whether Government would provide grants to these institutions for hiring foreign faculties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Government have decided to appoint Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) on long-term and permanent faculty positions in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). However, foreign nationals other than NRIs and PIOs are appointed for a fixed tenure of five years on contract basis. As there is no difference in pay structure and allowances allowed to the Indian or NRI/PIO faculties, no additional financial implication is envisaged. Similarly, there is no proposal at present to offer special incentives/encourage either the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) or Government Medical Institutions for hiring foreign faculty.

New evaluation criteria for Class X

997. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: